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In the Application of: Gollnick, et al

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For: System for Coupling a  
Multiplicity of RF Data Collection  
Terminals with Host Computer  
Means

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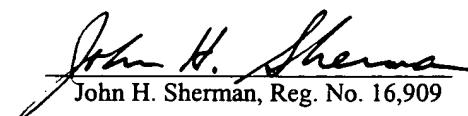
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicant submits herewith a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time,  
and respectfully requests entry of the following amendments prior to first action  
on the merits.

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I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, consisting of two pages is being deposited with sufficient postage with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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